

OIC urges end to war before Ramadan

BAHRAIN (R) — An Islamic peace committee has appealed to both Iran and Iraq to halt the Gulf war before the fasting month of Ramadan which is expected to begin on June 22 or 23, the secretary-general of the 43-member Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) said Monday. Habib Chatti told Reuters by telephone from his office in Jeddah that the chairman of the OIC's committee, Guinean President Ahmad Sekou Toure, had also urged the two Muslim countries to seek a peaceful solution to the 20-month-old conflict through the nine-man group's efforts. He said the dual appeal was sent to Presidents Ali Khamenei of Iran and Saddam Hussein of Iraq on Saturday. Mr. Chatti, a member of the committee, said the group, which last visited Tehran and Baghdad in April, had submitted "constructive proposals which form a sound basis for ending the war."

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Qatari team arrives

AMMAN (Petra) — The Qatari delegation of the joint Jordanian-Qatari Information Committee, entrusted with following up and implementing the information agreement concluded between the two countries, arrived in Amman Monday. The delegation includes the director of the Qatari News Agency, the director of programmes at the Qatari Television, and the director of press and publications at the information ministry.

AOAS chief goes to Tunis

AMMAN (Petra) — Director-General of the Arab Organisation of Administrative Sciences (AOAS) Abdullah Al Zubi left Amman for Tunis on Monday to participate in the meetings of the committee coordinating the activities of the Arab League General Secretariat and the specialised Arab organisations, which will begin at the Arab League headquarters at the end of this month. Dr. Zubi will also head the AOAS delegation to the seminar which the organisation will hold in Tunis on the modernisation of civil service regulations in the Arab World. The six-day seminar will begin on Saturday, he said. Delegations including the deputy heads of the central civil service commissions in the Arab countries and leading administrators will participate in the seminar.

Amman Chamber of Industry asks for industrialists' views

AMMAN (Petra) — The Amman Chamber of Industry has asked the owners of industrial enterprises in Jordan for their ideas and views on how to develop the industrial sector, chamber Director Ali Al Dajani said. Mr. Dajani explained that many people are complaining about the difficulties they face in the industrial field either because of the expansion of the industrial sector or because of the need to deal with the administrative and legislative measures which sometimes hinder industrial activities. The chamber also requested the industrialists to present their views on the topics they deem fit for study deeply to develop the industrial sector in terms of productivity, development of training and other related topics. He said the Amman stock market has agreed to participate with the Chamber in conducting specialised studies according to priorities of the future trends in industry.

Egypt, Israel resume talks on Taba

ISMALIA, Egypt (R) — Egypt and Israel resumed talks here Monday on a border dispute in the Sinai Peninsula, which Israel returned to Egypt last month. They are trying to reach agreement through bilateral talks before resorting to arbitration, as stipulated in the U.S.-sponsored Camp David treaty. The dispute over the 700-metre coastal strip at Taba, south of the Israeli port of Eilat, was discussed in Israel earlier this month.

Protests continue in West Bank

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — Palestinian demonstrators threw petrol bombs at two Israeli military vehicles near Bethlehem on the occupied West Bank Monday, an army spokesman said. No casualties or damage were reported after the bombs were tossed at the military patrols passing through the village of Alazaria, the spokesman said. He also said a bomb exploded near a military camp outside Jericho, without causing injuries or damage. Authorities were Monday investigating an incident in which a 17-year-old Palestinian was shot in the stomach in the village of Silwad near Ramallah on Sunday. Military version of the incident says that shortly after an Israeli officer who came under a hail of stones in the village had fired into the air to disperse protesters.

Badran briefs NCC

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Mudar Badran has briefed the National Consultative Council (NCC) members on the latest developments in the Gulf War and Arab-Egyptian relations.

The NCC then resumed its session by continuing discussion of the income tax draft law for 1982. The NCC approved three new articles of the draft law after introducing amendments to them. These articles are related to the exemptions and deductions granted on account of the wife, fixing the fiscal year in which the income tax is due, and the exclusion of taxpayers who are not included in the fixed fiscal year from the exemptions and deductions allowed.

U.N. pursues urgent talks as Thatcher declares 'war or peace within a week'

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Urgent efforts for a diplomatic settlement of the Falklands crisis were pursued here Monday as British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher predicted that this week would bring peace or war with Argentina.

U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar spent over an hour with British Representative Sir Anthony Parsons, just back from a weekend of consultations in London.

"I think we are really at the final stage of our exercise," the secretary-general told reporters before the meeting.

Sir Anthony emerged from the talks saying, "we are still engaged in very serious, determined and urgent efforts to achieve a negotiated settlement."

In London, Mrs. Thatcher told a radio interviewer that Sir Anthony was having "one more go" at persuading Argentina to pull out of the barren islands occupied more than six weeks ago.

"My guess is that we shall know this week whether we are going to get a peaceful settlement or not," she said.

In Luxembourg, meanwhile, British hopes of maintaining a united West European front on sanctions against Argentina faded with Italy opposing renewal of a Common Market trade ban.

Foreign ministers of the 10-nation European Economic Community (EEC) failed in two hours of meetings to agree on a formula for keeping the embargo in effect after midnight, when it was due to expire.

The EEC ministers arranged a further late-night session in an effort to beat the deadline.

Argentina: Britain endangers Falklanders' lives

Meanwhile in Buenos Aires, the Argentine high command accused Britain's task force of launching indiscriminate attacks that endangered the lives of the Falkland (Malvinas) Islanders it was supposed to protect.

A communiqué said British Harrier jets damaged several civilian installations in Fox Bay on Sunday while a bomb fell without exploding near a house at Port Darwin.

On Sunday the high command said British Sea Harriers had staged two bombing raids on Fox Bay and Darwin and had been driven off by Argentine forces.

Monday's communiqué said several installations belonging to civilians were destroyed in Fox

Bay and a powerful bomb fell near a private house in Port Darwin but failed to explode.

"This shows that the English aviation attacks without discriminating its targets seriously endangering the lives and property of the population they say they are defending," the communiqué said.

Argentine Defence Minister Amadeo Frugoli charged Britain with being two-faced, saying in a radio interview: "While diplomatic negotiations are intensified, Britain steps up its military action."

Mrs. Thatcher briefed Mr. Mitterrand on the U.N. negotiations on the Falklands over a working lunch at her Downing Street residence.

Time magazine commissioned the Pori Institute in Tel Aviv to conduct the poll in conjunction with sociologists from the Hebrew University.

According to the poll, 98 per cent of the residents favoured creation of a Palestinian state.

Eighty-six per cent said they wanted a Palestinian state run solely by the PLO. Fifty per cent believed PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat should lead the Palestinians.

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people living in 58 West Bank towns and refugee camp between April 4 and 15.

This was a period of uprising with Palestinians angry over Israel's dismissal of several elected West Bank mayors. Then on April 11, an Israeli soldier went on a shooting rampage at Jerusalem's sacred Dome of the Rock in which two worshippers were killed and more than 30 injured.

Asked which country they admired more, 72 per cent of those polled chose the Soviet Union. Only two per cent chose the United States and 25 per cent said neither.

Asked which country had been most helpful to the Palestinian cause, 82 per cent named the Soviet Union, compared with 0.5 per cent choosing the United States.

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preferred Syria and 29 per cent Libya. Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi was the most admired Arab leader with 40 per cent selecting him.

Asked about peace between Israel and the Palestinians, 71 per cent said it would never happen, while 25 per cent said it would happen some day. Seventy per cent said there were no Israelis they could trust and 29 per cent said there were.

Time said that when Israeli authorities learned of the poll they said it violated a law and two regulations which applied to the occupied West Bank. One polkite was arrested as a member of a "Palestinian Arab terrorist group" and some of his data was seized. Time said this data was not used to tabulate results.

The magazine said it showed the completed results to the Israeli government, which decided not to prosecute Time or to comment at that time on the survey. (Editorial comment, page 4).

Qaddafi most admired

Among Arab states, 33 per cent

expects no immediate breakthrough in the discussions.

The Chinese team, under Peking Foreign Ministry Adviser Fu Hao, has said it prepared for many rounds of talks.

An Indian spokesman said progress on the border issue would also have an impact on other bilateral matters under discussion.

India claims that China has occupied 36,000 square kilometres of its territory in the distant and largely uninhabited Aksai Chin area of Ladakh and in the Pakistan-controlled area of the disputed state of Kashmir.

The Chinese claim nearly 129,000 square kilometres of territory in the sparsely-populated Arunachal Pradesh in northeastern India, some areas in northwestern India and pockets in between.

Both countries withdrew their ambassadors following the 1962 war and diplomatic representation was not fully restored until 1976. Trade between the two countries was resumed five years ago.

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Sidon goes on strike to protest gunbattles

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An era of change faces the construction industry in Jordan. Here Rami G. Khouri describes its economic and administrative background, the foreign competition, and the fact that a proliferation of qualified engineers often causes more problems than it solves. He analyses the industry's strengths and its weaknesses, including the certification procedure for contractors and problems of control over specification and materials.

SEVERAL converging factors since 1972 have induced a high growth rate in the contracting and construction industry in Jordan that shows no signs of slowing down within the coming years. Yet, the quantitative increase in construction and consulting work has not always been matched by a qualitative rise in the capabilities of Jordanian firms. Combined with the country's strong commitment to a free enterprise system that is open to foreign firms, this has brought Jordan to an important turning point in the development of its construction sector as a whole. In the next few years, Jordanian firms will either rally to the enormous challenge before them or see more and more work being awarded to foreign consultants and contractors.

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1970s. Some companies went bankrupt; others had to turn over their financial management to banks to avoid declaring bankruptcy; a few found themselves having to submit unrealistically low bids to secure the advance payments on new contracts in order to keep up their cash flow and prevent previous contracts from running out of operating capital. In some cases, contracts were terminated in midstream and rewarded to new contractors. In others, projects were delayed by as much as several years. There are still some projects that were started in the mid- or late-1970s that are still unfinished, due to disputes between contractors and clients.

The low point seems to have been reached, and there are clear signs now that all concerned parties wish to re-evaluate the construction business in order that Jordanian firms in this field could achieve their full potential, both at



Apartment houses rising throughout the Amman region (photo by Bill Lyons)

The construction industry: An era of challenge and change for Jordanians

By Rami G. Khouri

Limited scopes

This is partly due to the small size of most offices, and the fact that they are all competing for the same pool of human talent. A gifted engineer with few years' experience with a consulting firm tends to break away and set up his own business. Therefore the very large, broadly based consulting offices typical of the Western world are unable to develop in Jordan under the present circumstances.

There is also the problem of clients not knowing what they really need from a consultant. For many small projects, such as

houses or commercial buildings, the client thinks of the consultant engineer only as someone to provide the permit drawings that are required by law to secure a construction permit from the municipality. Many clients then turn over the permit drawings to a contractor and ask him to build on the basis of those drawings, without bothering to have the consultant draw up more detailed working drawings. This brings up a whole series of problems after the work is completed, a trend which is compounded by the fact that specifications and materials are often vaguely defined in the permit drawings.

The contracting side of the business also suffers from the presence of hundreds of small contractors, only a few dozen of whom have substantial local experience. Anybody who meets a few modest government requirements for capital, equipment and staff can be classified as a contractor. The result is some 400 contractors working in Jordan today, many of whom entered the business recently as a means to invest surplus cash. The worst problem in the contracting sector is probably the submission of very low bids for government projects, at prices that are obviously below what is required to complete the

job properly. This is due mainly to inexperience on the part of the contractors in drawing up their bids and cost estimates, and, in part, to the vagueness of tender documents. It is not unusual to have a difference of up to 50 per cent among bids for the same project. This is also true for consultancy bids. For a recent tender for consultancy services for a hospital expansion and masterplanning scheme, bids from local consultants ranged from JD 59,000 to JD 552,000 (\$180,000 to \$1.6 million).

The certification procedure for contractors is also very modest. The Public Works Ministry clas-

Masri: Restructuring needed

Following are excerpts from an interview by Rami Khouri with Jordanian Minister of Public Works Engineer Awani Al Masri:

Question: How does the labour situation in Jordan affect the contracting and construction sector as a whole? Awani Masri:

The pool of local labour is not sufficient to cope with the size of the projects coming up in the new five-year plan. Even if we could attract back some of the Jordanians working in the oil states in the Gulf and North Africa, that would still be less than our needs, both of skilled and semi-skilled workers.

We are tackling the problem in two ways. In the short term, we are meeting our need for labour by importing foreign workers. In the longer term, we are trying to restructure the secondary education system to increase the number of technicians and sub-professionals who graduate from polytechnics or vocational training schools or colleges, with a slightly lower number of secondary school graduates going on to do engineering degrees in universities. We think this trend will be encouraged by the fact that there are not enough local opportunities now for the thousands of newly graduated engineers in Jordan, and also by the rising pay scale for technicians and sub-professionals.

Q: There seems to be a problem with the government accepting the lowest bids of contractors for projects that are later unable to be completed at the bid price. How do you think this trend can be stopped?

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bid properly. We have no intention of changing the system of free competition in bidding. We do want to provide a means to study unreasonably low bids and prices, and advise the lowest bidder for a project if we think the prices are unusually low, but we do not think that we should simply exclude such bids from consideration.

We are also thinking about establishing a tenders department that would have the legal, financial and technical staff properly to supervise all aspects of contracts awarded by government agencies.

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sifies contractors for the purpose of bidding for government contracts on the basis of staff, capital, equipment and years of experience. However, the system can be abused by individuals who can show that they graduated from an engineering school 10 or 20 years ago, but may not actually have been working in the business all those years. Some Jordanians suggest that a better system would be to classify individual engineers and contractors, instead of classifying companies as such, by using a system of examinations at regular intervals. Others suggest applying a stricter prequalification procedure and stressing construction supervision more rigorously. The Public Works Ministry admits that it does not have sufficient trained staff to supervise the construction of all government projects and review all the reports and plans of its consultants.

The new five-year plan proposes a series of remedies to these existing problems: reconsideration of classification and prequalification of contractors and consultants; drawing up a standard contract for consultants and contractors; encouraging joint venture schemes with foreign companies; promoting larger consulting and contracting companies that would bring together many of the existing small firms; establishing an equipment rental company; standardising specifications for construction materials; completing the national building code; establishing a higher council for the construction sector; organising the banking sector to develop expertise in construction financing and to study the financing requirements of contractors; amending the Contractors Association law to give it more control over the performance of contractors; focusing more on the training of engineers in such fields as construction management and operations; and setting up an independent government corporation to handle the design, tendering and supervision of big projects commissioned by government agencies.

One short-term measure that has been taken already is the suspension by the Public Works Ministry of its previous rule of giving a contractor of 10 per cent down payment immediately upon the signing of a construction contract. The advance payment procedure, the government says, probably led some contractors to submit very low bids to win a new contract just to obtain the down payment for it, and thus maintain cash flow for existing works. The ministry now provides incentive advance payments during the life of a construction project, if it is clear that the work is proceeding on or ahead of schedule.

Regional opportunities

The sheer volume of work that will be offered to the construction industry in Jordan in the coming four years, until the end of the five-year plan in 1985, is unprecedented for what has been until recently a very small, isolated economy. Not only does the \$10 billion investment programme of that plan offer substantial new opportunities in Jordan; but some of the successful Jordanian contractors and consultants have recently been able to translate their successes in the country onto contracts in neighbouring markets, particularly in Iraq and the oil-producing states of the Arabian Peninsula. The willingness of Jordanian banks to move into the rest of the Arab World in tandem with contractors from Amman is further evidence of the regional opportunities that are available to a successful construction operation in Jordan.

In recent years, foreign contractors have taken the lion's share of the big construction projects in Jordan, such as the potash plant along the Dead Sea, the chemical fertiliser plant at Aqaba, irrigation, dams and housing works in the Jordan Valley, the expansion of Aqaba Port, the new Queen Alia International Airport south of Amman, the Rashidieh cement plant, and expansion of the Fueis cement plant, to mention only the most prominent.

Local contractors have won most of the small and medium-size projects, including housing, road and pipeline works throughout the country, commercial and office complexes, and individual home construction. An interesting new trend that has developed in the home-building market is the entry of private sector groups into the housing field. This has started to offer opportunities for the design and construction of integrated housing projects for low-medium- and high-cost markets, to complement the low-cost housing schemes that have been traditionally undertaken by the state-owned Housing Corporation. Among the most noteworthy new private housing works are the Alia Heights project being built by the state-owned air carrier Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, the several projects undertaken by REFCO company, and the complex being built by the Amman-

based International Contracting and Investment Company. The Alia Heights project, 12 km south of Amman, includes 386 units costing a total of JD 6.5 million (\$20 million), which are bought by employees of the airline. The REFCO projects include flats and villas ranging in price from JD 8,000 (\$24,000) to JD 30,000 (\$90,000) in various parts of the Amman region. The company has built 953 units in the past five years.

New housing schemes

The International Contracting and Investment Company (ICICO), a public shareholding company, is building its first luxury housing scheme of 227 units in the Amman suburb of Khaldi. The project is worth JD 10 million (\$30 million).

This kind of work has helped to broaden the scope of opportunities for Jordanians and foreign

"There is almost unanimous agreement among all parties concerned with the construction business in Jordan that stricter procedures need to be instituted all around. The classification and certification of consultants, contractors and subcontractors is probably the area where the greatest good could be achieved in the shortest period of time. The present system allows any individual who has graduated from an accredited engineering college anywhere in the world to register as a qualified engineer. After three years, the same person can be licensed to open his or her own engineering-consulting office."

construction firms, and has also started to fill in the gaps between the very large government schemes and small projects worth less than JD 1 million (\$3 million).

The best measure of the volume of construction activity in Jordan during the past decade, the Central Bank of Jordan's monthly count of building permits issued in the Amman and Zarqa regions does not cover the entire country. But it is indicative of the degree of growth in construction, as the Amman-Zarqa region accounts for over 75 per cent of Jordan's residential, commercial and public works construction. The total number of permits issued for residential and commercial buildings in 1974 was 1,348, covering a built area of 359,000 m². In 1980, this had increased to 3,582 permits covering 1,306 million m² of construction. The pace of construction activity is also reflected in bank lending. In 1977, commercial banks had JD 65 million (\$195 million) in outstanding loans to the construction sector. By 1981, this had reached JD 201 million (\$603 million). The availability of local financing via syndicated loans and bond issues underwritten fully by banks in Jordan has come as a major spur to local industrial and hotel projects. The banking sector, with prodding and some special refinancing facilities from the Central Bank of Jordan, has put together 16 different syndicated loans and bond issues during the past three years, for a total value of some JD 75 million (\$225 million).

The most recent financing package was a pioneering loan arrangement worth JD 15 million (\$45 million) to help finance the sixth kilometer expansion project of the Jordan Cement Factories Company Ltd. portland cement plant at Fueis, northwest of Amman.

Some of the major development projects that will be undertaken during the next five years include the first phase of Yarmouk University in north Jordan, Mu'ta University in the south, the new thermal power station at Aqaba, a four-lane highway from Aqaba to the Iraqi border, a shale oil-fuelled power plant at Qatrarah, in central Jordan, the raising of King Talal Dam, and the new Maqrin Dam, along the Yarmouk River in north Jordan. The Maqrin Dam project awaits a political accord with Syria, and until its construction gets underway the Jordanian government

INTERNATIONAL



King Hussein presents certificates and awards to excelling students at the graduation ceremony of the Royal Guards

Hussein attends guards graduation

JORDAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein, supreme commander of the Jordanian Armed Forces, was patron on Monday morning to the graduation ceremony of the security course of the Royal Guards.

The graduation ceremony included various applications and shooting exercises using various weapons by the participants, who proved their high efficiency in training.

University president calls for trust between farmers, agriculture experts

JORDAN (Petra) — The lack of confidence between the farmer and the agricultural specialist is the major impediment facing the growth of agriculture in Jordan. With these words, University of Jordan President Dr. Abdul al-Majali, deputising for His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan opened the activities of a seminar on planting rain-fed fields at the Faculty of Agriculture on Monday. Dr. Majali called for building bridges of trust between the two parties to the problem in order to develop and improve agriculture and to bring about food security in Jordan. Dr. Majali also warned against the danger of horizontal expansion of buildings at the expense of farming lands, calling for investing funds used to import major foodstuffs in developing the agricultural sector

Queen visits civil aviation institute



JORDAN (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Noor visited on Monday the Queen Noor Civil Aviation Institute. Queen Noor heard an explanation from Civil Aviation Director-General Sharif Ghazi Rakha and the director of the institute on the plans and achievements of the institute in the field of training

Sharif calls for eliminating Israeli nuclear threat at Moscow meeting

JORDAN (Petra) — Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Minister Kamel Al Sharif returned to Amman from Moscow on Monday after attending the international religious conference devoted to save mankind from a nuclear catastrophe. The conference concluded its meetings in Moscow on May 14. Mr. Sharif said in his speech to the conference that the Zionist practices against holy places in the occupied Arab territories particularly the recent attack on Al Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Holy Rock in Jerusalem, is a link in a series of acts of aggression which began in 1967 with the beginning of the Israeli occupation.

Mr. Sharif asserted in his speech that Islamic heritage and doctrine are tolerant and based on the fraternity of mankind. This has provided the climate for other religions and civilisations to flourish. "However, the Zionist colonisation of Palestine is plotting against the whole area, charging it with malice and hatred, and threatening world peace and security," he said.

"Zionism has misinterpreted the Jewish religion, which we

and other development areas. He explained that farmers are selling their lands due to the increase in the price of land and called on the concerned government departments to confront this problem which has a strong negative influence on agricultural production and on the national economy as a whole.

Dr. Marwan Kamal, dean of the Faculty of Agriculture also delivered a speech in which he said that the area of exploited farming land in Jordan amounts to 5.3 million dunums, and pointed to the imbalance existing between rain-fed and well-water irrigated farming in the previous development plan, explaining that the current development plan has dealt with this problem by increasing funds allocated for investing in well-water irrigated farming.

The seminar was attended by a number of specialists from the Ministry of Agriculture and local establishments, and a number of professors working at the Faculty of Agriculture.

technical staff in civil aviation and preparing them for work at the Queen Alia international airport. Queen Noor also inspected the various sections of the institute and got acquainted with the nature of work in these sections.

respect and never, in an evil way based on fanaticism, barbarism and contempt for the religions of others and their legitimate national aspirations. The most evident example of this is what currently takes place in Palestine, particularly in Holy Jerusalem, the centre of the divine religions in the world," Mr. Sharif told the conference.

Mr. Sharif added that it is regrettable that every time the United Nations tries to perform its duty in protecting the holy places and stopping Israeli aggression, the United States uses the veto as if it is encouraging Israel to continue their aggressive acts."

Mr. Sharif said all indicators point out that Israel "now possesses nuclear weapons with the encouragement and cooperation of certain Western countries. Israel seeks to monopolise this terrible weapon to impose its aggressive policy on the Arabs, which is why it carried out its criminal aggression against the Iraqi atomic reactor in June 1981. Israeli leaders continuously threaten to prevent the Arab

Amman International Fair complex to be built soon

JORDAN (Petra) — Work on the construction of the Amman International Fair will begin late this year on a 44-hectare area of land which will be allocated to international commercial and industrial exhibition conferences and cultural meetings.

The fair will include eight halls, each with an area of 3,000 square metres attached to one another, the general-management building which will be supplied with telecommunications facilities, a restaurant, a press hall, and a complex containing banks, travel agents, shops, and a zoo. The fair will also include a hall for exhibiting the cultural achievements in Jordan, a centre for conferences consisting of two halls, one capable of accommodating 1,000 persons and the other 500, a cultural centre, a hall for discussions capable of accommodating 250 persons, and a 91-room hotel.

Project designers headed by two British enterprises will be in charge of designing the exhibition and regulating its management.

Seminar continues on Jordanian Construction Code

JORDAN (Petra) — The seminar on building specifications and the Jordanian Construction Code organised by the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) in cooperation with the European Economic Community (EEC) mission in Amman, continued its meetings at the Yarmouk University Liaison Office in Amman.

Participants in today's session discussed six working papers on the general technical specifications for buildings in Jordan, the problems resulting from the lack of specifications and building code in the Arab World, control of the quality of building in Britain, and the code of concrete in Iraq which is currently being drafted.

One hundred engineers from the public and private sectors in Jordan, 10 engineers from other Arab countries, and 10 EEC experts are participating in the four-day seminar.

ACDIMA to produce funnels at rate of 100m annually

JORDAN (Petra) — The Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Company and an Omani delegation, currently visiting Jordan, signed an agreement on Monday to establish a plant for producing disposable plastic funnels at a capacity of some 60 to 100 million per year.

The Arab Pharmaceutical company, ACDIMA, affiliated with the Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU), will participate in the plant's capital by 25 per cent, and the government of Oman by 35 per cent, and the rest of the shares will be offered for public subscription in the Sultanate of Oman and the Arab Gulf countries. The capital of the plant has not been fixed yet.

Director General of the Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Company Hashem Ismail Al Taher said a joint technical and managerial working team has been set up to run the project. The general management will include representatives from ACDIMA and the government of Oman. There is a possibility that the plant might be expanded to produce other products besides plastic funnels. Dr. Taher said.

Syrian-Jordanian company net profits reach JD 104,000

JORDAN (Petra) — The general assembly of the Syrian-Jordanian Maritime Company decided in a meeting held in Damascus on Sunday to approve its general budget for 1981 and the profit and loss accounts. Profits allocated for distribution to shareholders totalled some JD 80,000, after deducting some JD 36,000 to cover the mandatory and voluntary reserves. Net profits of the company totalled some JD 104,000.

The general assembly also decided to approve the recommendations submitted by the company's board of directors related to the management of the company and planning for its future expansion.

The company currently owns two ships and operates its lines to all major European ports.

Central Bank bans dealing with roll-over list companies

JORDAN (Petra) — The Central Bank governor has sent a memorandum to the banks and licensed money changers requesting them to refrain from selling or issuing any cheques or money transfer bills in foreign currency to the roll-over list companies such as Hallo, Goodluck and similar companies operating in the same field.

The memorandum states that any violation of these instructions would compel the Central Bank to impose the penalties stipulated in the law governing foreign exchange controls as well as the law governing the activities of the money changers. He said the aim of this measure is to protect the national economy and the foreign currency reserves in the country.

Hassan condoles Qasem family

JORDAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan deputed National Consultative Council (NCC) member Mihjem Al Khrasheh to convey the condolences of His Highness to Al Qasem family on the death of Mrs. Khairyeh Sidqi Al Qasem.

Irbid celebrates Isra' Mi'raj

JORDAN (Petra) — The Islamic centre in Irbid organised a religious seminar on Monday at the Yarmouk University auditorium on the anniversary of Prophet Mohammad's nocturnal journey to Jerusalem and ascension to heaven (*Isra' wal Mi'raj*). Participants called for upholding Islamic values and faith to cope with the dangers facing the nation.

Meanwhile, Director of Islamic Guidance at the Awqaf Ministry Abul Halim Al Ramahi discussed with Zarqa Awqaf Director Khalil Al Batayneh, when he visited Zarqa on Monday, matters related to the progress of religious teachings and Islamic education in the district. He also met with the preachers and heard their needs and requests. The Zarqa Awqaf directorate has prepared a programme for celebrating *Isra'* which will coincide on Thursday.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibition

* Paintings by Basem S. Jawad, at the Holiday Inn Hotel.

Film

* *Falsche Bewegung*, colour film subtitled in English, at the Goethe Institute at 8 p.m.

Lecture

* Dr. Linda Jacobs will speak about the results of her survey in Wadi Aisal at the American Centre of Oriental Research at 6:30 p.m.

International direct dial telephone system to be finished by November

JORDAN (Petra) — Telecommunications Corporation Director-general Mohammad Shahed Ismail said on Monday that the international direct dial telephone exchange project, delayed due to circumstances beyond control, will be operated in November, 1982, adding that the corporation has reached suitable solutions to enable the citizens to have direct telephone contact very soon, both in and outside Jordan.

In a statement to the Jordanian News Agency, Mr. Ismail explained that the direct dial international system was supposed to operate in August 1981, but due to some internal difficulties and administrative changes faced by the French company the operation was delayed.

He added that the company will have to pay a fine of JD 250 on each day of delay.

He explained that the French government, which finances the project under the Jordanian-French financial protocol, requested a period of grace for the French company until Dec. 31, 1981 without the corporation losing the right to impose the fine. He added that the corporation, in return, imposed on the French company to install and operate free of charge, a temporary "pony" international telephone exchange of one direction. The company installed the exchange and linked it with the French international exchange upon the approval of the French administration.

Mr. Ismail went on to say that

after the nationalisation of the French company, an agreement was reached with the French administration to ship the equipment and to begin installation work in May in order to hand over the operating exchange in November. The French administration has also agreed to give the corporation a free national direct contact exchange towards the end of 1982. He said that the corporation tendered bids for buying another international exchange and a second national exchange.

Mr. Ismail left Amman for Paris on Monday to complete talks with the French side on the national exchange and the new national exchange which will be carried out by a consortium of French companies.

Financial market to be quoted internationally "second by second"

By Suzanne Zu'mut-Black
Special to the Jordan Times

market, i.e. new issues of bonds or shares.

"This means that the system will show any public offering in shares or bonds that are available in the Jordanian financial market," Dr. Sabbagh commented.

This link provides instantaneous contact with the investor and conveys share prices to any recipient who is interested in the market quotation. These change from minute to minute. It is of the utmost importance for the investor to know on the spot the prices of each stock in his portfolio so that he could add, diversify, sell or buy immediately through his knowledge of price trends on the market.

The Reuters system has now officially started to distribute quotations of the AFM to the Reuter's financial subscribers around the world. Several thousand subscribers, mostly banks and financial institutions in 64 countries are connected to the system. Participants in the Middle East include Lebanon, Egypt, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Dubai and Abu Dhabi.

Subscribers, especially in the Middle East, are very interested in receiving the AFM rates," Reuters Manager in Jordan, Syria and Lebanon Jean Felix Chaumeret told the Jordan Times. "And there

is no reason why countries like Britain, the United States and Switzerland shouldn't be interested too."

The main advantage of the system, according to Mr. Chaumeret, is that it can give "real time information" and that the quotation on the screen can be read "on the second" by somebody in London or in Kuwait. "With this system information reaches people who receive the other big financial information," he said.

The Reuters official finds it interesting that this installation is part of a process by which "we start to distribute information from the Middle East to the rest of the world. This contrasts with the flow of information in the past when it was largely into the Middle East from other parts of the world. Now the Middle East is not only on the receiving end but also contributing."

With this, Dr. Sabbagh agreed vehemently and added "We are not just recipients but we are also showing the world that we have a developed and sophisticated financial system." He pointed out that AFM, which officially started operations in January 1, 1978, is part of the whole financial spectrum of Jordan and of the Arab World.

Today's weather

There will be a drop in temperature with low and medium clouds and scattered showers, especially in the northern part of the country. Winds will be westerly moderate gusting at times. In Aqaba, dusty and partly cloudy weather. Winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

	Overnight low	Daytime high
Amman	14	30
Aqaba	18	36
Deserts	17	35
Jordan Valley	17	32

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 30, Aqaba 34. Humidity readings: Amman 36 per cent, Aqaba 24 per cent.

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Say it ain't so, Ron

A TIME MAGAZINE poll of Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, published this week, should cause Ronald Reagan to lose sleep—if not to fall off his horse. The poll showed that the vast majority of Palestinians in the West Bank has pro-Soviet views and wants an independent Palestinian state run by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). These facts have been long known, but the preachers and political hucksters of the West have always preferred to ignore this reality. Israelis also tried to ignore the reality of Palestinian nationalism, as we have seen most recently in the pitiful performance of dream merchant Menachem Milson, who still insists that the PLO can be cut down to size in the West Bank and Gaza. The results of the poll indicate clearly that a trend towards radicalism and extremism has been the dominant political reality in the area for the past decade. It is, we suggest yet again, simply a reaction to the

American-Israeli policy of ignoring the PLO and refusing to admit that Palestinian national rights can only be satisfied by the creation of a sovereign Palestinian state living alongside Israel.

Mr. Reagan (and Mr. Carter and Mr. Ford and Mr. Nixon and so many others before them) should realise that their head-in-the-sand policies in the region are only fostering the kind of extremism and pro-Soviet tendencies that they claim to fear. While the Reagan-Begin team wants to "protect" the region from the Russians, its policies are working in precisely the opposite direction by pushing the Palestinians and other Arabs into the arms of the Soviet Union. Isn't that the stupidest thing you've ever heard? Why, on a clear night, you can stand on Mount Nebo and actually feel the stupidity coming in from Washington and Tel Aviv — and, if you listen carefully, you can hear them laughing in Moscow.

NATO summit to renew allegiance to defence, dialogue and disarmament

By Paul Taylor
 Reuter

BONN — NATO leaders meeting here for a rare summit on June 10 will pledge renewed allegiance to the Western alliance's triple doctrine of defence, dialogue and disarmament, senior Bonn officials say.

Like most summits, the real work is being done in advance. Officials are already drafting a declaration which the assembled leaders will formally endorse during a brief closed session in Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's bug-proof conference suite.

With Spain's membership likely to be endorsed in time for the summit, 16 government chiefs are expected here for a 24-hour stay. Their private meeting lasts only about 90 minutes, giving each leader an average five-and-a-half minutes to speak.

Outside the conference chamber, President Reagan and his fellow NATO leaders will dine

in pomp in the gloomy foyer of the *Bundestag* (parliament), lunch at Mr. Schmidt's bungalow and listen to formal speeches in the *Bundestag* on the eve of the summit.

West Germany made clear in March what it expects from the summit, issuing a set of security policy guidelines which it hopes will influence NATO leaders.

They are based on a 1967 NATO report by then-Belgian Foreign Minister Pierre Harmel that coupled adequate defence measures with readiness for dialogue and cooperation with the Soviet Union and its Warsaw pact allies.

Emphasis on disarmament

But Bonn wants the summit to give emphasis to the third dimension of the West's doctrine, disarmament and arms control, which has emerged in the intervening years.

Officials expect President

Reagan to spell out new U.S. proposals for Strategic Arms Reduction (START) talks with Moscow in a speech to the *Bundestag* on the eve of the summit.

An interim White House statement on START is likely this month, they said.

But they do not expect him to name a date for the talks, since this has not yet been agreed through diplomatic channels and the Kremlin would probably reject any date announced in Bonn without prior agreement.

Mr. Reagan's speech, which Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher will discuss with Secretary of State Alexander Haig in Luxembourg this month, will set the tone for the NATO meeting.

"Whatever Reagan says will be fulsomely praised in the communiqué the next day," one source close to the preparations said.

The final declaration would stress the need to maintain, and in some areas restore, a military bal-

ance with the Warsaw pact. But it would avoid alliance wranglings over whether this required a three or four per cent real increase in military spending.

By the time Western leaders gather here, U.S.-Soviet talks on curbing nuclear missiles in Europe will have resumed in Geneva and the West will have made new proposals at the marathon Vienna talks on reducing conventional forces, officials say.

Despite vast security precautions—Mr. Reagan's bodyguard alone will number up to 150 men—the government does not fear any violence during the summit.

Organisers expect some 150,000 peace movement demonstrators to rally on the other side of the Rhine to demand an end to NATO nuclear rearmament plans. The protest coincides with the brief closing summit session but NATO leaders are unlikely either to see or hear it.

Officials are less relaxed about the chance of violence when Mr. Reagan visits West Berlin the next day. "Things are different in Berlin and trouble can't be ruled out," one official said.

The summit is causing headaches for Bonn's security chiefs and protocol officials. Plans to hold the festive banquet at a castle outside Bonn were vetoed on security grounds.

All leaders except President Reagan will sleep in embassy residences. Mr. Reagan is likely to stay at the medieval Gymnich castle outside Bonn where Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev stayed during a visit here last November.

Only French President Francois Mitterrand does not need to worry about a bed for the night. To underline France's special position outside the military wing of NATO, he will fly home after the dinner, leaving Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy to attend the summit.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

The remaining open door

What arrogance!

AL RA'A: Israel continues in military preparations to invade southern Lebanon. This time observers notice that planning for the expected aggression is taking place in the open. The Israelis are getting ready without fearing neither the reactions it will have at Arab and international levels.

This means that Israel finds the current Arab and international atmosphere appropriate for launching its attack against the Palestinian and the Lebanese peoples. It appears that Israel does not fear paying the price in human and material losses, or the moral loss that might affect its reputation internationally. Israel seems to be assured of what it is concocting against southern Lebanon will be carried out without any obstacles to achieve all its aggressive goals.

The secret behind this Israeli confidence lies in the weak and inactive Arab stand which threatens the future of all Arabs. The Arab military weakness paralyses the Arab Nation's ability to support the Palestinian resistance and protect Lebanon. This same weakness has led to the dismemberment of the nation's political and economic capabilities and to the absence of any sort of interest on the part of the international powers to stand by the Arab Nation and support its just causes.

Therefore, the remaining door left open to the Arab Nation to be able to confront the devilish Zionist schemes is to unite efforts, establish solidarity and build Arab strength. This is the only way the Arabs can free the nation, protect it and regain its usurped rights.

AL DUSTOUR: The Israeli officials are pouring their fury at what they call the Palestinian explanation of the cease-fire agreement along the borders of southern Lebanon. Israel wants to make this agreement appear as if it were a final peace agreement with the Palestinian people according to which the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) should stop fighting, not only along the border but everywhere throughout the world.

We still remember the Israeli threats against the PLO. Israel accused the PLO of violating the cease-fire agreement when an Israeli diplomat was assassinated in Paris by someone who did not belong to the Palestinian resistance. What arrogance! Israel is the one who should stop killing the Palestinian people, the unarmed people who have risen against Israeli occupation and criminal practices. But Israel wants to have a free hand to oppress the Palestinian people, to evict them from their lands and to practice all sorts of terrorism without the PLO raising a finger against such barbaric activities.

The flagrant a paradox here is that Israel considers the Palestinian legitimate actions as a violation of the cease-fire agreement when it does not consider its criminal and inhuman practices against the Palestinian people, their destiny and Arab character a violation of the cease-fire agreement. Israel is just seeking excuses to violate the agreement.

Therefore, the Israeli military concentrations along the Lebanese borders speaks of the aggressive essence of the Zionist theory on which the Israeli entity was founded.

When Brezhnev leaves, continuity will guide U.S.-Soviet relations

By Jeffrey Antevil
 Reuter

WASHINGTON — Fresh speculation about a U.S.-Soviet summit has forced the Reagan administration to consider the mortality of the Kremlin's ageing leadership and its implications for American foreign policy.

While keeping the door open for full-scale talks between President Reagan and President Leonid Brezhnev in a neutral European country this autumn, the U.S. is still proposing a meeting in June at the United Nations.

President Reagan last week repeated a proposal that he meet Mr. Brezhnev at next month's U.N. special disarmament session in New York but said that if the Soviet president could not come to the U.S. he hoped they could arrange a full-scale summit later.

The proposal for a meeting next month has twice been rejected by

Moscow, which says more time is needed for preparations.

U.S. officials believe a more important reason for the turnabout, which Moscow does not mention, is the state of Mr. Brezhnev's health. The Soviet leader is 75.

Privately, officials concede that no one in Washington believes Mr. Brezhnev could make the tiring Transatlantic trip.

While the White House focuses on public opinion gains to be made from Mr. Brezhnev's failing health, other officials seem for the first time to be considering the implications for arms control and other policy issues.

Secretary of State Alexander Haig has the clearest hint in a speech on April 27, just a few days before the latest exchange with Moscow over a possible summit.

In what was billed as a major address, he noted that a new generation of Soviet leaders was

emerging and that U.S. policies could influence them in the direction of greater restraint.

The Soviet Union was likely to face major economic problems and growing international isolation as it "experiences a transition in leadership," Mr. Haig said. "And as a new generation of Soviet leaders emerges, we can signal the benefits of greater restraint."

To do this, Mr. Haig said, the United States must avoid two extremes — over-reliance on negotiations with Moscow without a buildup in U.S. strength, and on the other hand all-out confrontation while shunning the bargaining table.

While Mr. Haig did not spell it out, another official said the Secretary of State in fact believed the transition to a new leadership was already under way.

Like most U.S. Kremlin-watchers, Mr. Haig has no firm idea who the next Soviet leader will be, the official said, but he thinks Mr. Brezhnev is a relative "dove" in the Soviet spectrum and his successor may be more hawkish.

In his speech, Mr. Haig called the transition a "historic opportunity" for the United States to influence Soviet policy. But there has been little sign this has been an issue so far affecting U.S. policies, especially on nuclear arms control.

They said this was true of such questions as whether to negotiate with Moscow on nuclear arms, Afghanistan and Poland and how tough a line Washington should take in general.

The sources said the administration believed it should project an image of continuity rather than vacillation in its dealings with Moscow while making it clear the U.S. was open to better relations, provided the Soviet Union respected U.S. concerns and interests around the world.

arms talks despite an election campaign pledge by Mr. Reagan that as "president, I will immediately open negotiations on a SALT III treaty."

The possibility that Mr. Brezhnev may soon leave office to be succeeded by a tougher leader or by a period of stalemate while potential claimants manoeuvre for power has had no real effect on administration policy-making, the sources said.

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Lagos oil output recovers

BAHRAIN (R) — Nigeria's oil output, which has plummeted over the past two months, is rising faster than expected and may top 1.3 million barrels a day (b/d) this month, the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) has reported.

The Nicosia-based oil journal said increased exports by Nigeria and Iran have probably raised OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) oil output to 17 million b/d.

This compares with a low of around 16 million in mid-April when low demand in the industry

trialised countries aggravated a world oil glut.

MEES said reports from Lagos indicate that average Nigerian crude oil output in May will reach or even surpass the OPEC ceiling of 1.3 million b/d."

Nigeria's output fell to 880,000 b/d in April from 1.75 million in January as customers shunned its high-priced oil. The country has an OPEC-set price of \$35.50 a barrel, a premium of \$1.50 over the OPEC reference price.

To defend its pricing structure during the glut, OPEC set ceiling

on production by its 13 members and threatened sanctions against companies if they continued to cut back on purchases from Nigeria.

"It appears that improved market conditions have begun to attract back many of the customers that Nigeria lost during the doldrums of March and April," MEES said.

Though Nigeria might breach the 1.3 million b/d level this month, the ceiling applied to the quarter as a whole, MEES noted.

Inflation in Turkey tops 34%

ANKARA (R) — Turkey's annual wholesale price index, used here as the measure of inflation, rose above 30 per cent in April for the first time since September, according to government figures published Monday.

The Trade Ministry said that on a 1963 base of 100, the April index was 4336.5, a 34.2 per cent year-on-year rise and a 2.6 per cent gain from March.

Inflation was reduced last year to 36.8 per cent from more than 100 per cent in 1980 as the government's strict monetary policies took effect. Ministers have set a target of below 25 per cent for this year.

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LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — The market moved lower in quiet and nervous conditions Monday pending further developments in the Falklands conflict, dealers said. At 1500 the F.T. index was down 12.2 at 578.4, depressed in part by a number of stocks trading ex dividens.

First quarter results from Unilever disappointed the market and Unilever shares dipped 13p to 609 after trading at 627 at one stage during the morning. Glaxo fell 12p to 679 on profit taking while in weak oils Ultramar gave up a further 7p after last week's gloomy trading statement.

U.S. and Canadians were lower while gold shares were firm but below the highs by the close.

Long dated government bonds posted gains of 1/4 or 1/2 point but trading in this sector was also thin, dealers said. Shorts were little changed from pre-weekend levels.

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Exchange market quieter as dealers gather for talks

LONDON (R) — Europe's foreign exchange markets were unusually quiet Monday, partly because currency dealers were gathering in London for their annual convention.

Dealers said that business was very restricted when the markets opened in morning. The dollar was steady at around 2.2950 marks after a decline against other currencies last week as traders balanced their books before leaving for London.

Sterling rose a little against other currencies, trading at 1.8250 on Friday but the market was still taking a wait-and-see attitude because of the Falklands crisis.

The Foreign Exchange Congress, which is usually marked by thin and erratic trading, gives dealers a chance to discuss developments in the major currencies as well as to extend acquaintances made in telephone calls across the world.

The meeting is expected to discuss raising the stature of the U.S. West coast foreign exchange market to fill the time gap between New York and London, as well as extending trading to Saturday and Sunday role of new technology in their business.

South Korean businessmen arrested in loan scandal

SEOUL (R) — The man and president of South Korea's Iissin multi-million dollar loan company have been arrested on charges of involvement in a scandal, the prosecutor-general's office said.

The office said Iissin chairman Chu Chang-Kyun had been charged with bribery and had been arrested by police on charges knowing they would dishonour him.

This brings to 17 the number of people charged with involvement in the unofficial loan market that has pushed dozens companies to the verge of bankruptcy and rocked the South Korean economy.

The prosecutor's office all 50 million won (\$70,000) Mr. Chu had given bribes totalling President Kong Duk-Jong, after Commercial Bank of Korea lines open despite its insolvent arrest, to keep Iissin credit lines.

Mr. Baek was charged with is worth of cheques knowing there were no funds available to meet them, the office said.

BIS: Moscow's deposits with Western banks rise sharply

BASLE, Switzerland (R) — The Soviet Union's depleted deposits of funds with Western Banks recovered strongly in the fourth quarter of 1981 at a time when it was apparently selling gold heavily, the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) said Monday.

Its deposits with banks in the main non-communist industrial countries rose by \$3.9 billion to \$8.4 billion during the last three months of the year, the BIS said in its quarterly report on international banking. This was only slightly lower than the \$8.6 billion at the end of 1980.

Soviet deposits fell to \$3.6 billion in the first half of last year, a decline which the BIS had earlier linked with financial aid to Poland. At that time bullion bankers also said the Russians were selling hardly any gold.

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SPORTS

TENNIS TALK

The 5-minute warm up

By Maureen Stalla

HOW SHOULD you spend the very important five minute warm up time allowed before a tournament match? Should you concentrate on getting the feel of your own strokes, or should you concentrate on feeling out your opponent? Should you perform calisthenics, or should you count the spectators?

Definitely, one cannot get warmed up in five minutes. You should play a half hour before the match on a practice court. The very least you should do is some limbering exercises.

The pre-match warm up is the time to feel out your opponent. You should test all his strokes. See how he handles drives on both sides, slices to both sides. Are his volleys crisp on both sides? Give him low balls and high balls. Find out if he can run side to side. Be on the alert for idiosyncrasies. For instance, does he return all slices to the backhand side; or does he always volley crosscourt?

Naturally, he will probably be probing your game. So try not to show your weaknesses. Practice your faulty overhead before the match; don't ask for some if you think you will hit one out of ten. Don't practise your best serve and all your spins in the warm up—just warm up your arm.

Finally, the warm up is a time for you to get acquainted with the court conditions. Watch the way the ball bounces to see if there are bad places on the court. If the wind is blowing, throw up some volleys in order to gauge its intensity and direction. Adjust your eyes to the sun. Above all, stay calm. Don't show alarm if a few forehands hit the bottom of the net or sail over the fence. Smile-silky you. Nothing will rattle your opponent faster than the sight of you as placid as Zen master.

The warm up is a very important preparation for the match in many ways. Use it creatively to gain every possible advantage you can before the opening serve.

Jordan Tennis Open scheduled for June

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordan Tennis Federation announced the Jordan Open Tennis Tournament June 11-18. The tournament is open to all residents in Jordan. Events are men's and women's singles, men's and women's doubles and mixed doubles. Registration is at Sports City and all entries must be received by June 4th at 5 p.m. The tournament, sponsored by the Marriot, will take place at the Royal Automobile Club.

Japan will not take part in World Women's Softball

TOKYO (R) — The Japan Softball Association said Monday it had decided not to take part in the controversial fifth World Women's Softball Championship in Taiwan in July.

Tadashi Miki, the association's managing director, said the association had reversed its decision in April on conditional participation in the championship because of "our earnest desire to stay out of politics."

The Association had told the International Softball Federation (ISF) it would take part in the event only if no national flags or anthems were used, but there had been no guarantee from Taiwan that it would not use the Taiwan flag and anthem, Mr. Miki said.

China, which claims sovereignty over Taiwan, has announced it will not send a team because of the lack of any guarantee from Taiwan.

Mr. Miki said his association had not consulted either the Japanese government or its Chinese counterpart body before taking its decision not to go to Taipei for the championship from July 2 to 11.

European under-21 final delayed

LONDON (R) — England and West Germany have received permission from UEFA (the European Football Union) to delay their European under-21 championship final until next season, it was announced here Monday.

The first leg, in England, will take place in September and the second leg the following month. Venues have yet to be decided.

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This preview is one in a series of features on the soccer teams that will play in the World Cup in Spain June 1-July 13. The Soviet Union plays in Group 6 along with Brazil, Scotland and New Zealand.



formed on the basis of our unsuccessful Olympic national team only two years ago. There isn't a single player who has participated in the World Cup finals before," he said in a recent Soviet newspaper interview.

Favoured to win the 1980 Moscow Olympic gold medal, the Russians were bitterly disappointed when they lost to East Germany in the semifinals and had to settle for the bronze.

Czechoslovakia took the Gold medal by edging East Germany 1-0.

Shengelia is everybody's pick as the superstar of the squad. The dark-haired striker from Tbilisi was voted the Soviet Union's top player in 1981, scoring 23 goals to lead the league. He scored seven more as Tbilisi won the 1981 European Cup of Cup Winners, and contributed four goals when the Russians won six and drew two World Cup qualifying matches.

Blokhin, who was Europe's Footballer of the Year in 1975, is still a dangerous marksman at age 29. He sparked Kiev to last year's Soviet league championship. Kipiani, 30, is third member of the forward "Troika".

According to Beskov and other Soviet sources, the following players are almost certain to be included on the squad:

Goalkeepers — Dasayev and Viktor Chernov of Donetsk.

Forwards — Shengelia, Kipiani, Blokhin, Yuri Gavrilov of Spartak Moscow, and Sergei Andreev of Rostov.

Midfield — Leonid Buryak and Vladimir Bessonov of Kiev and Vitaly Daraselia of Tbilisi.

Defence: Chivadze, Baltacha and Anatoly Demyanenko of Kiev and Sergei Borovsky of Minsk.

The ball, as well as heading.

The Russians failed to qualify for the last two World Cup tournaments and have never finished higher fourth place. They lost the bronze medal match to Portugal at the 1966 tournament in England.

But relying on the skills of some of Europe's best goal-getters, including Shengelia, Blokhin and Kipiani, this revamped Russian side could turn out to be the big surprise in Spain.

The defense is led by Alexander Chivadze, 27, of Dynamo Tbilisi, who is rated among the world's best fullbacks.

Renat Dasayev, 25, of Spartak Moscow, has been keeping goal for the national team since 1979.

The squad is built around a nucleus of players from Soviet champion Dynamo Kiev, European Cup Winners' Cup winner Dynamo Tbilisi and Spartak Moscow. A "coaching collective" from all three team helps to direct the national side.

The 23-man roster will not be named until late May, two weeks before the June 13 start of the tournament. But Soviet sources say most of the players have

Peru 2 Romania 0

LIMA (R) — Peru beat Romania 2-0 here Sunday night in a warm-up match for next month's World Soccer Cup finals.

The Peruvians, who play in Group One of the finals against Italy, Poland and Cameroun, took the lead with a controversial penalty just before half-time.

But although Romania played the second half with only nine men—two of their players were sent off—Peru were unable to add to their lead until the last minute through Velasquez and their attack showed weaknesses.

The match, one of Peru's last at home before travelling to Europe, began brightly with several close chances at each end.

But the match soured shortly before half-time when Romanian left-winger Balaci was sent off for a heavy foul on Jaime Duarte.

Five minutes later Duarte fell inside the penalty area and the referee awarded a penalty. The Romanians protested but Longuescu was sent off for attempting to strike the referee.

Urbe calmly slotted the spot-kick home.

already been picked, and only seven or eight slots are still undecided.

Barring injuries, Beskov intends to finalize his side in 12 to 15 warmup matches against national and club sides during the last few weeks leading up to the World Cup.

Defending World Cup champion Argentina will host the Russians in Buenos Aires on April 14 or 17, and East Germany will test them in Moscow in early May.

In December 1980 the Russians held Argentina to a 1-1 draw in an exhibition match in Mar del Plata.

Vyacheslav Koloskov, the Soviet Soccer Federation chief, has warned that injuries to several key players could upset planning.

The 30-year-old Kipiani has not completely recovered from a broken hip suffered in a match last September in Spain with Real Madrid. Sergei Baltacha, 22, a defender from Dynamo Kiev, is suffering from a groin injury.

Koloskov also fears the Russians may be too inexperienced to realize their full potential in Spain.

"I would like to stress that the team is still very young. I was

French cup squad to train before final selection is made

PARIS (R) — French soccer manager Michel Hidalgo Monday named the 22 players he expects to take to Spain for the World Cup finals.

The squad will start training in the Pyrenean ski resort of Font-Romeu on Wednesday, before the final selection is confirmed.

Goalkeepers: Dominique Baratelli (Paris Saint Germain), Jean Castaude (Saint Etienne), Jean-Luc Ettori (Monaco).

Defenders: Max Brossis (Nantes), Gerard Janvion (Saint Etienne), Christian Lopez (Saint Etienne), Marius Tresor (Bordeaux), Philippe Mahut (Metz), Didier Amoros (Monaco), Dominique Battiston (Saint Etienne).

Midfield: Jean Ligana (Bordeaux), Michel Platini (Saint Etienne), Jean Francois Larios (Saint Etienne), Bernard Genghini (Sochaux), Alain Giresse (Bordeaux), René Girard (Bordeaux).

Forwards: Didier Six (Stuttgart), Bruno Bellone (Monaco), Bernard Lacombe (Bordeaux), Dominique Rocheteau (Paris Saint Germain), Alain Courtois (Monaco), Gerard Soler (Bordeaux).

Santamaria names Spain's Squad for World Cup

LA MOLINA, Spain (R) — Spanish manager Jose Emilio Santamaria Sunday named a World Cup squad of 40 which superseded a pre-selection party of 22 he named earlier this month.

The only surprises were the inclusion of Real Madrid's reserve goalkeeper Miguel Angel who played only rarely for the first team in the past season and the exclusion of Barcelona midfielder Victor Munoz.

Munoz was injured in Barcelona's penultimate League match of the season against Real Madrid on April 18.

The 40 are:

Goalkeepers—Luis Arconada (Real Sociedad), Javier Urruti (Barcelona), Miguel Angel (Real Madrid) Jose Sempero (Valencia).

Forwards—Angel Alonso (Real Zaragoza), Carlos Alonso 'Sanillana' (Real Madrid), Marcos Alonso (Atletico Madrid), Enrique Castro 'Quique' (Atletico Madrid), Juan Estella (Barcelona), Jose Sanchez (Barcelona), Enrique Saura (Valencia), Daniel Solsona (Valencia), Jesus Zamora (Real Sociedad).

Middlefield—Joaquin Alonso (Sporting), Miguel Alonso (Real Sociedad), Ricardo Alvarez (Real Sociedad), Gerardo Gallego (Real Madrid), Enrique Ramos 'Quique' (Atletico Madrid), Juan Estella (Barcelona), Jose Sanchez (Barcelona), Enrique Saura (Valencia), Daniel Solsona (Valencia), Jesus Zamora (Real Sociedad).

Backs—Jose Alesanco (Barcelona), Antonio Alvarez (Sevilla), Miguel De Andres (Athletic Bilbao), Jose Camacho (Real Madrid), Genaro Celaya (Real Sociedad), Rafael Gordillo (Real Betis), Manuel Jimenez



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Pump eases pain, makes life much better for cancer patient

By Lisa Ellis
Virginian-Pilot Writer

NORFOLK — When Carol McDaniels leaves the hospital, she's planning to rediscover her family.

Mrs. McDaniels hasn't seen much of her husband and two children lately. Instead, she has slept through most of the last several months, virtually immobilized by the medicine that kept at bay the crushing pain of advanced cervical cancer.

The 35-year-old Suffolk woman expects to be back on her feet soon, thanks to a drug-dispensing pump that keeps away the pain with only 1 percent of the numbing medicine she used to receive.

A little narcotic goes a long way because the device, implanted under the skin, sends the drug through a tube to where it is needed. Thus, the nerves leading from the spinal cord to the pelvic region are "bathed in morphine," explained Dr. Younes N. Bakri, the specialist in gynaecological cancer who is treating Mrs.

McDaniels. An injection, on the other hand, would be dispensed through the entire bloodstream.

Mrs. McDaniels is one of only about 60 cancer patients in the country — and the first in Tide-water — now testing a drug pump for pain control. The trials are required by the FDA before any treatment is approved for general use.

The first implant was made about 18 months ago at the Mayo Clinic, and most others have been done since September, said Sam Cozzie, vice-president of operations for Infusaid Corp. of Norwood, Mass., which made Mrs. McDaniels' pump.

Pumps already have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for cancer chemotherapy and for diffusion of heparin, a drug that reduces the risk of blood clots. Tests involving insulin are underway.

The potential for pain relief in cancer patients is especially exciting, however, Bakri said. "It is a great thing for any cancer below the belly button," including the liver, ovaries, rectum, uterus, cer-

vix, vulva and bones of the lower limbs, he said.

Higher in the body, it could be risky for such vital organs as the heart, lungs, and brain to send morphine directly to the nerves, Bakri said.

But for cancers in the pelvic region, he said, the narcotic-dispensing pump can make life much better. Otherwise, he said, "the patients really live long, but the quality of life is terrible" because of pain, nausea from pain medication, or loss of bodily functions.

Interviewed Friday in her room at De Paul Hospital, Mrs. McDaniels said she readily agreed to the procedure even though it was experimental. "I was all for it because there were very few avenues left open to me," she said softly, still appearing pale and tired from the April 14 operation.

"I found out that I wasn't able to do my own chores," she said. "It was very difficult even to take care of my children."

Mrs. McDaniels' cancer, diagnosed in 1979, began to produce severe pain early last fall, said Bakri, an assistant professor of obstetrics and gynaecology at Eastern Virginia Medical School.

First aspirin was tried, then codeine, then the synthetic narcotic Percodan. After her body developed tolerance to these drugs, each progressively stronger, she was given a powerful concoction known as a Brompton's cocktail — a mixture of morphine, cocaine, ethanol alcohol, a drug to control vom-

iting, and syrup for flavour. The "cocktails" worked until December, when Mrs. McDaniels began developing such a tolerance that a bottle designed for a week's use would last only two days, Bakri said.

"With that much morphine and cocaine in the system," Bakri said, "she was on the verge of respiratory arrest," the same thing that killed comedian John Belushi recently when he injected himself with heroin and cocaine.

"She slept 24 hours a day," he said. "She couldn't talk to her children and her husband." By late December, "we were at the point where she takes the cocktail and she throws it up."

Finally, Bakri said, he had to admit her to the hospital for hourly injections of hydromorphone, a narcotic five times the strength of morphine. With 2-milligramme shots every hour, she was receiving the equivalent of 240 milligrammes of morphine a day — a dosage that would have killed anyone without such strong tolerance.

Bakri, meanwhile, had been trying for months to get through paperwork and legal negotiations in order to secure permission to test the pump. He knew that even Mrs. McDaniels' drug-dependent system could start needing so much medicine that she might slip into a coma and die.

"He was trying to walk that fine line of how much medicine to give her," explained Mrs. McDaniels' husband, Roy, 35.

One day in March, the hydromorphone shots no longer were enough. Bakri gave an injection of

Demerol. It stopped the pain — too well.

"That sent her heart into a rapid beat, and her blood pressure dropped real low," McDaniels said. For a tense two hours, Bakri stayed at her bedside, working to pull her out of the coma, McDaniels said.

With her condition stable again, Mrs. McDaniels has a choice. She could get an operation that would sever or slash part of the spinal cord, cutting off the pain permanently but also causing paralysis and destroying bowel and urinary control. Or she could wait just a little longer, for the pump.

She waited. At last, the operation was performed at De Paul by Dr. Daniel White and Dr. Robert Rashri, both neurosurgeons; and Dr. Fred Given, a gynaecologist.

The pump, the size of a hockey puck, was implanted in front, near the right hipbone, with a long tube threaded under the skin to the second lumbar vertebra in the spinal column. There, it was anchored in place, just outside the sheath that contains the spinal fluid and readily accessible to the pelvic nerves.

With the skin sewn back up, the body's heat vapourised the fluid in one chamber of the pump, and the pressure of expanding gas began the slow release of the drug.

About every two weeks, the pump will have to be refilled with morphine by a syringe, Bakri said.

Receiving smaller doses of the synthetic narcotic methadone every day, Mrs. McDaniels is being weaned gradually from her body's strong drug dependence.

soon, she will need only the morphine, pumped from within. With the help of her mother, who is staying with the family, she expects to run a household, take care of her children, and lead a much more normal life.

"I don't believe there's going to be any limits because I'm not the

athletic type, and they're the only ones who have problems," she said.

Because the pump operates on pressure, any strong increase in body temperature — from heavy exercise or a fever — could release more morphine, Bakri said. Severe changes in altitude also could affect the drug flow.

An even newer pump, implanted in a human for the first time six weeks ago, would not have such problems because it is controlled by a computer programme, not pressure, said Sy Jones, manager of media relations for Medtronic Inc., of Minneapolis, manufacturer of the new device.

The computerised pump also can reduce the chance of developing a tolerance, Jones contended, because it releases the drug at regular intervals, instead of constantly.

Bakri admitted that future drug tolerance is one unanswered question about Mrs. McDaniels' device.

"She may develop tolerance like this, but it will never be the same as with the (injections)," he said. "Even if it was 10 times more it would be 25 milligrammes compared to 240."

A problem that concerns Bakri more is the \$3,000 cost of each pump, which is not reimbursed now by any public or private insurance because it is an experimental procedure. Bakri said he has another patient now at Norfolk General who could benefit from a pump but cannot afford it.

He invited any individual or civic group who would like to help to call him at the medical school.

As for the McDaniels family, they are managing the expense gladly, said McDaniels, who is in the construction business. "You can't put a price tag on the relief she has."

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Kim Jong-Il to face uphill task in attaining presidency

By James Foley

Reuter

TOKYO — Despite increasingly effusive praise in the North Korean official media, Kim Jong-Il appears to be having difficulty in getting senior army officers to agree that he should succeed his father as president.

Kim Il-Sung, who has led North Korea since its birth in 1948, is the object of an official personality cult verging on the religious.

But at 70, he must be expected to step down from power in the next few years, diplomats and officials in Tokyo and Seoul say the two Kims have been working for a decade towards a handover of power from father to son.

They would make North Korea the first communist dynasty—a label that would be viewed with some embarrassment by both China and Russia, Pyongyang's allies the diplomats and officials say.

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Despite the younger Kim's great power in North Korea as a very senior official of the Korean Workers' (communist) party he has never held a government position or served in any senior post in the armed forces.

Specialists observers on North Korean affairs both here and in Seoul had expected the younger Kim to become one of North Korea's three vice-presidents during last month's selection of a new cabinet.

They thought this was needed to give him experience of government and the international cachet needed to impress senior

members of the leadership, especially army officers, before any takeover from President Kim.

Despite their predictions, Kim Jong-Il was not named to vice-presidency and since then the experts have been trying to figure out how and why they were wrong.

Now, they say, a theme is emerging which might explain why the younger Kim still has not been named to a government post.

They say statements made by president Kim at the end of last month indicate that there is still some resistance in the army to the idea of the younger Kim eventually taking over the country.

The experts say President Kim made clear that the army must be subservient to the leadership of the party and remain loyal to the guidelines laid down by the party.

They say in effect this means that the army leadership should be guided by President Kim and his son, who holds the second most important post in the party secretariat, the centre of power of the party.

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The diplomats and officials say that older army officers, those in their 50s and 60s, apparently did not altogether approve of the idea of the younger Kim assuming the presidency because of his relative youth and inexperience.

They say that in 1980 Kim had been named a senior member of the party's military commission in an effort to give him experience in military affairs and to bind army leaders to him.

Because of his relative inexperience in military affairs, South Korean officials believe he may take a harder line against South Korea than his father if and when he succeeds to the presidency.

THE Daily Crossword

by Bert H. Kruse

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NATO backs U.S. arms curb offer

LUXEMBOURG (R) — NATO governments Monday backed a U.S. call for deep nuclear arms cuts and said the West must always be ready for a dialogue with the Soviet Union.

Foreign Ministers of the 15-nation Western defence alliance, opening a twice-yearly conference, lined up solidly behind U.S. proposals to reduce super-power strategic warhead stocks by one-third, NATO sources said.

They also supported a proposal by President Reagan that U.S.-Soviet strategic arms talks, broken off three years ago, should be restarted next month, an offer not yet accepted by Moscow.

The NATO ministers were expected to approve a West German plan for additional informal alliance meetings to guard against misunderstandings developing between the United States and its West European allies.

U.S. proposals on strategic arms, announced by Mr. Reagan last week, were warmly welcomed by Mr. Genscher, British Foreign Secretary Francis Pym, Canadian External Affairs Minister Mark MacGuigan and other ministers, Luxembourg conference sources said.

They also stressed that NATO should continue striving for a constructive dialogue with the Soviet Union.

Mr. Genscher said Moscow should be left in no doubt over the firmness of NATO's defence posture, but it was essential to continue working for what he called "genuine detente."

KGB questions AFP's Moscow correspondent

MOSCOW (R) — A Moscow-based French journalist has been barred from leaving the Soviet Union and questioned by the KGB security police over his links with an arrested Soviet citizen, his office said Monday.

Vladimir Gedilagin, 38, a correspondent with the French news agency Agence France-Presse (AFP), has also been told by a KGB official that he could face a charge of anti-Soviet activity and propaganda. He has said there is no basis for such a charge.

The French embassy in Moscow said they had requested that the ban on Mr. Gedilagin be lifted but that they had not yet received a reply from the Soviet foreign ministry.

The AFP bureau in Moscow said that Mr. Gedilagin, who assumed his post last September, had been barred from leaving the country because of links with a Soviet citizen, Viktor Burdyuk, who was arrested on April 6.

Floods reportedly wreck 15,000 buildings, kill 350 in S. China

PEKING (R) — Severe floods in South China's Guangdong province have killed more than 350 people and destroyed some 15,000 homes and other buildings, an official Canton newspaper reported.

The Yangcheng Evening News said nearly half a million people had been marooned when the floods inundated the valleys of the north and west rivers, which flow into the Pearl River delta near Hong Kong. Most of them had been rescued.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN

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DEAR MR. GOREN

Q. — The only Rule of Eleven I know is how many men are permitted on the football field for a play — you have twelve, you get a penalty and loss of down! So I was surprised to find a reference to the Rule of Eleven in your column a while ago. Are you trying to pull my leg, or what? — J. T. Taylor, Palm Beach, Fla.

(This question has been awarded the weekly prize.)

A. — How shrewd of you to appeal to one of the world's great football fans so that you could win a book! The Rule of Eleven is perhaps just as important to bridge as it is to a ball game.

Actually, the Rule of Eleven is a slight misnomer — it is not really a rule at all. It is simply an easy method to calculate, when your partner has made a fourth-best lead against a contract, how many cards higher than the one led are held by the other three hands combined. Since you know how many you hold, and can count how many dummy has, you can work out how many are in the other concealed hand. Here's a simple example:

Dummy

Q 9 2

You
K 10 7

Suppose that partner leads the six of this suit, and as a result of the bidding you can determine that this has to be a fourth-best lead. Your function is to determine how many cards higher than the six are held by declarer.

The formula is simple. Subtract the card led from 11, and the answer is the number of cards higher than the six that are distributed in the other three hands. You don't have to be a mathematical genius to work out that $11 - 6 = 5$. Now you know that the three hands combined have five cards higher than the six, and in your hand and dummy you can see all five. Ergo, declarer has no card higher than the six.

That's comforting to know. All you have to do is simply cover whichever card is played from dummy and you know that declarer cannot win the trick.

The Rule of Eleven is available to declarer as well. Consider this case:

Dummy

A Q 2

Your opponent leads the seven, which again you believe to be a fourth-best lead. Using your new-found arithmetical skills, you work out that the other three hands have four cards higher than the seven. In your hand and dummy you see those four cards, so East has no card higher than the seven. Your left-hand opponent has led from K-J-9-7, and you can play low from dummy confident that your eight is going to win the trick.

Why does the Rule of Eleven work? In effect, each suit consists of thirteen cards numbered 2 to 14 (the ace). Since the leader automatically has three cards higher than the one led, those do not count in the calculation. So deducting 3 from 14 gives you eleven.

Haig to meet Gromyko at U.N. special session

LUXEMBOURG (R) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig will meet Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko in New York during the United Nations special session on disarmament opening on June 7, West German sources said Monday.

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CBS alleges U.S. gave asylum to East European Nazis

NEW YORK (R) — U.S. government officials smuggled several hundred Nazis and Nazi collaborators into the country from Eastern Europe at the end of World War II to assist in anti-Soviet intelligence operations, CBS television has reported.

Even though Presidents Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman barred entry to war criminals, and President Jimmy Carter declared in 1980 that any Nazi war criminal who had got into the country should be rooted out, CBS said many former Nazis were still living in the United States.

The disclosure came in Sunday night's broadcast of the CBS news programme "60 Minutes." It was based largely on information provided by John Loftus, a former prosecutor with the U.S. office of

S. African raids kill 13 Angolans

LISBON (R) — South African air raids killed seven civilians and six Angolan soldiers during attacks on a power station and military targets in Southern Angola last weekend, the official Angolan news agency ANGOP said Monday.

ANGOP reported a defence ministry communiqué as saying three women and four children were killed on Friday when South African planes hit the power station of the Cassinga iron mine near Jamba, 300 kilometres from

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Paris daily publishes unflattering American view of French president

PARIS (R) — French president Francois Mitterrand was described in a U.S. State Department report after his election as a romantic with little knowledge of foreign issues surrounded by inexperienced advisers, a Paris newspaper said Monday.

A spokeswoman for the U.S. embassy said the version of the May 1981 memo published by the leftwing daily *Liberation*, was accurate but stressed that the writer, senior department official John R. Dobrin, was expressing unofficial views.

In the paper, addressed to chiefs of the department's European section, Mr. Dobrin listed in highly critical terms weaknesses of the Socialist president and his foreign policy aides and suggested the U.S. move quickly to influence them.

"Francois Mitterrand is essentially a romantic, literary thinker less moved by objective threat assessment than by a priori concerns for fuzzily-perceived goals," the report said.

"(He is) likely to draw his security policy from the counsel of a tiny group of advisers, themselves woefully untrained, very poorly informed and far removed from modern security analysis," it added.

The memo written three days before Mr. Mitterrand took office, described him as a convinced Atlanticist, an outsider in his own Socialist party on foreign policy, and subject to daily bouts of gloom over the possibility of nuclear war.

"He will be flattered by our initiative, especially if we suggest information seminars for his team," the memo added.

The memo predicted that Mr. Mitterrand would have little room for manoeuvre with the Soviet Union because of his years of struggle against the pro-Moscow French Communist Party.

It was particularly scathing about Mr. Mitterrand's close aides, who it said, had hardly any more knowledge of foreign affairs than the man in the street.

For example, Charles Hernu, now French defence minister, was weak on strategic questions and "he understands nothing about nuclear weapons", it said.

Diplomatic analysts now say the U.S. was unnecessarily alarmed and point to Mr. Mitterrand's strong pro-Washington stance.

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and Europe before taking office on Aug. 16 to meet foreign leaders and tell them of his country's problems.

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The elections were held peacefully, the exception rather than the rule in the generally turbulent Central American and Caribbean region.

Austria's last empress back after 63 years

VIENNA (R) — Zita, the last empress of Austria and queen of Hungary, has returned to Austria after a 63-year exile to visit the grave of her daughter, a spokesman for the interior ministry said Monday.

Austrian press and radio reports said the 90-year-old former empress travelled to Austria by train Sunday for a one-day visit from Switzerland, where she lives in the village of Zizers, near the Austrian border.

Zita has been banned from visiting Austria because she refused to renounce her imperial past.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

Emir of Bahrain to visit Oman

BAHRAIN (R) — The emir of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa Bin Sulman Al Khalifa, will pay a four-day visit to Oman next week to pursue his contacts with leaders of Gulf states on the situation in the region at the continuing Iraq-Iran war.

The six member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)—Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and the United Arab Emirates—are consulting with other Arab states in an attempt to formulate a joint Arab position on the war. They held inconclusive talks in Kuwait on Saturday and are to meet again in the Saudi capital Riyadh on May 30. Sheikh Isa's host, Oman's Sultan Qaboos Ibn Sa'id, visited Egypt last week in what was seen in Cairo as a possible turning point in Egypt's estrangement from the Arab World.

Turkish police smash drug ring

ISTANBUL (R) — Istanbul police have smashed a drug smuggling gang with links in West Germany, The Netherlands and Belgium, arresting 15 people and seizing heroin worth more than \$1 million, a Turkish newspaper reported Monday. The daily Hurriyet said police trailed a Mercedes car with West German number plates for more than two months before moving in on the gang. It did not say when the operation took place. Police seized 5.5 kilograms of heroin found in the Mercedes worth about \$1.25 million on the European market, Hurriyet said. It gave no further details of the gang.

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Mubarak dismisses local governors

CAIRO (R) — President Hosni Mubarak has dismissed seven of Egypt's local governors and replaced most of them by police officers. All 28 governors of the country hold ministerial rank and have discretionary powers. Those dismissed included the governor of the upper Egyptian town of Assuit, Mohammad Osman Ismail, who was replaced by police General Zaki Badr. Mr. Ismail was in office when Assuit was hit by sectarian strife. Muslim extremists were alleged to have stormed police headquarters there on Oct. 7, the day after President Anwar Sadat was assassinated, killing four police officers, 62 policemen and 21 civilians. Others replaced were the governors of Giza, Alexandria, Suez, Beni Suef, Souhag and Gharbiya governorates.

Afghan leader to visit E. Germany

EAST BERLIN (R) — Afghan President Babrak Karmal arrives in East Germany on Wednesday for an official visit at the invitation of head of state and Communist Party leader Erich Honecker, the daily Neues Deutschland said Monday. The official party newspaper said Mr. Karmal would be leading a delegation of party and state representatives, but, as is normal with visiting dignitaries here, it gave no indication of how long the visit would last.

Stringent rules come into effect in Turkey

ANKARA (R) — Strict new rules governing the conduct of civil servants, including a ban on all political activity, came into effect in Turkey Monday. Under the new restrictions, which appear as amendments to the existing law covering the 1.5 million-strong civil service, no government employee may join any political party or group dealing with politics or express "political or ideological views".

Liberal candidate wins Dominican elections

SANTO DOMINGO (R) — Salvador Jorge Blanco of the Dominican republic's ruling Revolutionary Party (PRD) Monday claimed victory in presidential elections.

Early returns issued by the electoral tribunal gave Dr. Jorge Blanco 48.6 per cent of Sunday's vote against 34.7 per cent for his main rival, Joaquin Balaguer of the opposition Reformist Party.

He told former Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez, who telephoned to congratulate him: "There is no doubt whatsoever of my victory."

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and Europe before taking office on Aug. 16 to meet foreign leaders and tell them of his country's problems.

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Italian air traffic men on strike

ROME (R) — A 12-hour pay strike by the majority of Italian air traffic controllers Monday halted nearly all domestic and international flights.

Airport sources said only 20 flights out of about 400 were expected to land or take off at Rome's main Fiumicino airport during the strike up to 1800 GMT Monday.

A further 12-hour stoppage is due from 0600 GMT Tuesday, followed by a 24-hour stoppage from 2200 GMT Wednesday and another 24-hour strike starting at the same time on Saturday.

Lions maul Belgian nurse, her patient

LIEGE, Belgium (R) — A woman psychiatric patient was killed and a nurse seriously injured by lions in a safari park near here Sunday night, police said.

The lions pounced on the two women when a footbridge they were crossing collapsed, throwing them into an area where the animals were roaming free.

The patient was dead on arrival at hospital. The nurse was severely mauled and her left leg was severed and carried off by a lion.

Afghan economy despite war

Under a protocol signed in Kabul last February, the Soviet Union's exports to Afghanistan this year will include petroleum products, consumer goods, machinery and motor vehicles in exchange for Afghanistan's natural gas, barytes, carpets, wool, cotton, dry and fresh fruits.

Last year the volume of trade between the two neighbours increased by 30 per cent to \$930 million.

Official reports said the Soviet Union had pledged to deliver consumer goods worth 10 million roubles (\$13 million) as grant-in-aid and a credit of five million roubles (\$6.3 million) to help Afghanistan buy Soviet sugar and petroleum products.

Afghanistan's main source of foreign earnings is from the sale of natural gas to the Soviet Union. Bakhtar news agency said natural gas worth \$267 million is to be exported to the Soviet Union in 1982-83, but it did not state the quantity.

Natural gas is the only major energy resource in Afghanistan to have been exploited. Reserves in the north, close to the Soviet border, are estimated by the World Bank at 120 billion cubic metres.</p